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EXPANSION AND MODERNISATION OF PLANTS AND MINES BY SAIL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has any plan to expand and modernize its different plants and mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is also a proposal to modernize Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) and to convert it into a four MTPA facility;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount likely to be invested; and

(e) the time by which the modernization/expansion work is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) proposes to modernize and expand capacity of its plants and mines. The Expansion Plan of SAIL for its steel plants targets to increase production of hot metal from the present level of 14.6 million tonnes per annum (2006-07) to about 26 million tonnes per annum by the year 2010. Apart from augmenting the production capacity at the plants, the plan also envisages removal of technological obsolescence, reduction in energy consumption, improvement in product mix, upgradation of pollution control measures and augmentation of infrastructure facilities in all the plants to support higher production. To meet the enhanced requirement arising from the expansion plans of the steel plants, SAIL has decided to modernize and expand its existing mines at Kiriburu, Meghahataburu, Gua, Bolani and Barsua and develop new mines at Rowghat, Chiria, Taldih and Thakurani.

(c)to(e): Yes, Sir. Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) proposes to expand its capacity to achieve hot metal production of 4.5 million tonnes per annum at an indicative cost of Rs.7668 Crore. The expansion work of RSP is likely to commence by June`2008.